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In connection with our request for a Subcommittee hearing in executive session, and the classification of this Statement as CONFIDENTIAL, the following rationale is suggested if an explanation is requested:

While no single item in this paper is in itself highly classified, the detailed expression of our concern about the security of our personnel and their vulnerabilities would be used by opposition intelligence forces to intensify their efforts to defect, penetrate, or otherwise suborn our personnel. This Statement could be used by those same opposition intelligence agencies as a blueprint for penetration and harassment of the Agency and its personnel. In addition, it has been our experience that answers to questions asked by Subcommittee members may necessarily involve classified information which we would not be able to provide in open session.

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Honorable Thaddeus J. Dulski Chairman, Committee on Post Office and Civil Service House of Representatives 207 Cannon House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This is in reply to the Committee's request for the views of the Office of Management and Budget on H.R. 1197, "To protect the civilian employees of the executive branch of the United States Government in the enjoyment of their constitutional rights and to prevent unwarranted governmental invasions of their privacy."

H.R. 1197 is substantially the same as S.782, which is also pending before your Committee. The Departments of Defense, Justice and State; and the Civil Service Commission, the Central Intelligence Agency and the Atomic Energy Commission have submitted reports on S. 782 which strongly oppose many of its provisions.

We concur in the views of these agencies and accordingly recommend against consideration of the bill in its present form. Enactment of H.R. 1197 or S.782 would not be consistent with the Administration's objectives.

Sincerely,

(signed) Wilfred H. Rommel

Wilfred H. Rommel Assistant Director for Legislative Reference

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